***Statement***

*Area Covered under Micro Irrigation in India as on 31.10.2008 (Ha)*

| Sl.No. | State | Drip | Sprinkler | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Rajasthan | 17002 | 706813 | 723815 |
| 2 | Maharashtra | 482341 | 214674 | 697015 |
| 3 | Haryana | 7136 | 518367 | 525502 |
| 4 | Andhra Pradesh | 363073 | 200950 | 564023 |
| 5 | Karnataka | 177326 | 228621 | 405947 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 169689 | 136284 | 305973 |
| 7 | Tamil Nadu | 131335 | 27186 | 158521 |
| 8 | West Bengal | 146 | 150031 | 150177 |
| 9 | MP | 20432 | 117685 | 138117 |
| 10 | Chhattisgarh | 3648 | 59270 | 62919 |
| 11 | Orissa | 3629 | 23466 | 27095 |
| 12 | UP | 10675 | 10589 | 21264 |
| 13 | Punjab | 11730 | 10511 | 22241 |
| 14 | Kerala | 14119 | 2516 | 16635 |
| 15 | Sikkim | 80 | 10030 | 10110 |
| 16 | Nagaland | NA | 3962 | 3962 |
| 17 | Goa | 762 | 332 | 1094 |
| 18 | HP | 116 | 581 | 696 |
| 19 | Arunachal Pradesh | 613 | NA | 613 |
| 20 | Jharkhand | 133 | 365 | 498 |
| 21 | Bihar | 163 | 206 | 369 |
| 22 | Others | 15000 | 30000 | 45000 |
| | Grand TOTAL | 1429404 | 2452680 | 3882084 |

Source: National Committee on Plastics in Horticulture. (NCPAH)

**Insurance scheme for plantation sector**

2030.SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Group of Ministers on plantation industry headed by the Union Agriculture Minister decided to convene a meeting of Chief Ministers of States in December, to review subsidy formula for Rs. 729 crore insurance scheme for plantation sector;

(b) if so, the outcome of the meeting held;

(c) whether India can achieve 30 per cent forest cover by promoting agro forestry; and

(d) if so, the concrete measures and steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Group of Ministers (GOM) constituted by the Government to consider the proposal on Crop Insurance Scheme for Tea, Rubber, Tobacco and Spices decided in its meeting held on 5th November, 2008 to discuss the issue of sharing premium subsidy between the Centre and the. State Governments in the meeting of Chief Ministers of States. The outcome of the meeting would be known after the meeting of the Chief Ministers.

(c) and (d) The National Mission for Green India envisages national goal of having 1/3rd of land are (*i.e.* 30% by the end of 12th Five Year Plan) of the country under forest and tree cover through plantation and regeneration by involving JFM committees; Panchayats; State Forest Departments and other concerned agencies. The agro forestry is one of the components of the approach to promote forest and tree covers.

**Horticulture and floriculture research centres**

2031. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details and locations of Horticulture and Floriculture Research Centres functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up some more such Centres in the country especially in Gujarat;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds released for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Please see attached Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Please see attached Statement-II.

***Statement-I***

| States | Horticulture Institutes/ NRCs | Regional Stations |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture, Srinagar | |
| Himachal Pradesh | National Research Centre on Mushroom, Solan<br>Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla | Central Potato Research Station, Kufri, Shimla |